A LUCKY BLACK GROUSE.

HOW A RUSSIAN EXILE SECURED MUCH VALUED PRIVILEGES.

but they were forced to proceed in this way from the fact that at that time no state prisons existed along what would be their line of march across the north-. ern part of the Russian possessions.



The prisons are cleaned but once a year, and the accumulation of fifth and vermin found in them is simply appalling. The walls and thor are damp and altotogether unfit for human habitation.

**Truce Suwaroff, of whom I speak, was the governor general of the province of St. Petersburg. He was one of Russia's greatest characters, and so greatly was wife much increment by my clamsiness in getting into the formula.

lescent and ready to resume my journey. to the privilege of one horse, and by the kindness of the etape officer I was en-Thus equipped, I had no difficulty in overtaking the party on foot, in addition to passing three etape stations in twenty four hours. At the last of these I decided to spend the night, as I was becoming exhausted from hard riding. When about to resume my journey in the morning I was informed by the etape officer that I would find much difficulty in passing the official at my next halting place without experiencing considerable delay, as he would in all probability detain me until the party from which I had parted would reach there. He said the officer at that station was an old soldier, one of the guards of the time of Nicholas I, and a man known throughout the country for his brutal treatment of prisoners.
It was with no pleasant thoughts that

During my short stay under his roof be had shown me every kindness, and no doubt told me what he did to put me on my guard and prepare me somewhat for the reception I was likely to meet. I was within fifteen versts of the prison over which I van Dimitrievneh Durakot exercised such absolute control, and while busy with my thoughts as how best to approach the old tyrant, a mujik (peasant) suddenly appeared in the road-way, carrying in his hands a live black grouse. It flashed across my mind that it would be a good idea to secure the bard as present to the old soldier a wife. The principle of the way carrying in his hands a live black grouse. It flashed across my mind that it would be a good idea to secure the bard the old officer's heart, for it is seldom that a confidence of the recently in the control and principle of the recently in the control and the old soldier a wife. The principle of the propose of the provide of the propose of the providence at court, and promised, if need be, to use it in my large than for me to escape, it would be a good idea to secure the bard of the providence as present to the old soldier a wife. The principle of the providence are control as a present to the old soldier a wife. The principle of the providence are control as a present to the old soldier a wife. The principle of the providence are control as a present to the old soldier as wife. The principle of the providence are control and the distilled for the large quantities of tan min which they contain. In still another distilled for the large quantities of the prices because of the prices brain about the soldient tree, which are caused to the setting the cause of the price is minitably that one felt inclines to cares set the soft rich stad?

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reach Petersburg as quickly as possible.

Mme. Anna Durakoff was a stout mid-

were adorned with old family portraits, myself up. I replied that I had no while at one side of the room an ancient piano formed the chief attraction. In Russia it is not usual to carpet the floors, rugs being employed instead, but in this case the floor was simply painted, and as and he ordered the soldier to confine me clean as soap and water could make it in cell No. 800. I found myself con-While waiting madame's only child appeared on the scene, carrying in her prison, a place set apart for the excluarms the bird which I had just presented sive use of the Scoptsi sect. It was a her mother.

teresting girl of perhaps 14 years. She was very much pleased with the black grouse, calling it moy miley (my love) been spread, but from le become black with dirt.

ciently fierce to make the stoutest heart quail. He was a tall, powerful man, who were his 60 years lightly. His mustache, iron gray, was heavy and fierce looking. Added to this he had dark, piercing eyes, which seemed to search the depths of your inmost soul. He was A Present to the Wife of a Hard Hearted dressed in a full captain's uniform, Official Wins His Favor-Leaves from which well became his tall, handsome the Reminiscences of Count Adolf Nor- form. Such was Van Dimitrievitch Durakoff, the man I so much feared and

of whom I had heard such frightful New York, Oct. 10.—It was in the year 1871 that the minister of interior sent orders to the governor of the province and I believed him capable of all he sent orders to the governor of the province and I believed him capable of all he food, and are allowed eigerettes and local food, and are allowed eigerettes and some control of their ghastly occupation. They have good and control their ghastly occupation. They have good and control of their ghastly occupation. They have good and control of the province and control of the provin sent orders to the governor of the province had been accused of. He met me in a ince of Archangel, which he in turn very cook dignified manner. I explained communicated to the ispravnik (chief of police) to have me returned under guard to Petersburg, there to await the further to continue my journey as I had been disposition of my case. I was to journey to the capital city in the company of a number of exiles, who, having served number of exiles, who, having served out their terms in the prisons of the province, were to be sent to help colonize Siberia. It was absolutely necessary for make Siberia. It was arither roundabout way in which to reach their destination, but they were forced to proceed in this.

At this juncture the black grouse enpossible, to assist me. Looking at the bird in astonishment, Durakoff exclaimed: "What is that?" I explained that you are soon a free communicate? Make me your confidant, and I will see that you are soon a free with at I brought it a present to his wife, "Oh?" he said, taking my hand and shaking it, "my wife is so fend of birds, and she has never before had in her possession a live black grouse. A thousand rubbes could not make her as happy as the presentation of this bird." Durakoff exclaimed: "To Prince Suwards with the presentation of this bird." Durakoff exclaimed: "To Prince Suwards with the presentation of this bird." Durakoff exclaimed: "To Prince Suwards with the presentation of this bird." Durakoff exclaimed: "To Prince Suwards with the presentation of this bird." Durakoff exclaimed: "To Prince Suwards with the presentation of this bird." Durakoff exclaimed: "To Prince Suwards with the presentation of this bird." Durakoff exclaimed: "To Prince Suwards with the presentation of this bird." Durakoff exclaimed: "To Prince Suwards with the presentation of this bird." Durakoff exclaimed: "To Prince Suwards with the presentation of this bird." Durakoff exclaimed: "To Prince Suwards with the presentation of this bird." Durakoff exclaimed: "To Prince Suwards with the presentation of this bird." Durakoff exclaimed: "To Prince Suwards with the presentation of this bird." Durakoff exclaimed: "To Prince Suwards with the control of which with some curiosity concerning the commerce and in the transmitted with some curiosity concerning the commerce and in the presentation of this bird." Durakoff exclaimed: "To Prince Suwards with the second of the communicate my secret, and to him alone, and it is necessary that it is exclaimed: "To Prince Suwards with the control of the communication with the control of the communication with the second of the communication with some curiosity concerning the commerce and in the industrially and polition.

The presentation of this this tate you are soon a free ward." I answered: "To P

that official. I soon became weary of this slow, monotonous way of traveling, and the prisons where we were forced to sleep were such foul smelling, ill ventilated places that I felt I would soon of the purple of

feigning sickness and letting the others station to station. The presentation of proceed without me. Twenty-four hours the black grouse saved me forty days proceed without me. Twenty-four hours on my journey and the discomfort of tercede with the czar on their ischalf. Staracato, venezacia. For a long time after their departure found me conva As a man of rank, by law I was entitled Lake Ladoga I fell in with some of my



I parted with the efficer who had volun-teered such disagreeable information. "EUT YOU CANNOT RECEIVE THE PRINCE

is would be a good idea to secure the total soliders wife. I thought such a gift might soften the old black grouse is caught alive, and is therefore regarded as a curiosity. Stopping the mujk inquired how much be would be done to the bird. "Only fifteen kepekas, your honor," was the reply. So thermujk in the bird. Fortme favored me, for on reaching the station the much dreaded ometal was absent, and my first meeting was with his wife, into whose good graces I ingratiated myself by presenting her with the black grouse. I tabl her she oner's visit to her hone. I then explained to her the situation of affairs, and also related in detail my fear of being locked up by her cruel husband and the endless trouble such delay would cause me, as I was in a great hurry to reach Petersburg as quickly as possible.

Mass. Anna Durakoff was a stort mild deaged woman; she had kindly gray the first would be done to the general state of the general favored in the first asking my escort where he was to deliver me up. "To the chief of police, and also related in detail my fear of being locked up by her cruel husband and the endless trouble such delay would decause me, as I was in a great hurry to reach Petersburg as quickly as possible.

Mass. Anna Durakoff was a stort mild and and also related in detail my fear of being locked woman; who had kindly gray the most probably and potent free work of the general favored me, for on reaching there were to take us. Arriving there, we were told we must be called to the three strained for which I dare say you have beginning to the country were such safety and it was a perchanced by a chaler and two and the country were such the general trains the state of the general bury and the action going out of the country were such and to the country were such seasons in the country were such and the country were such the going out of the country were such seasons in the country and merit in the seasons and it to the Markoth was in the late of the general bury and the was absent, and my first meeting we

large cell on the ground floor, but so The daughter, Elena, was a pretty, in- filthy and foul smelling that I could been spread, but from long use it had

at the unexpected gift. I had been seated about fifteen minutes when the door suddenly opened and Officer Durakoff entered. His appearance was sufficiently of the supplementary of the supplementary

the next morning. The first sight that greeted my waking eyes were the two hangmen (palatch) working in the prison SOUTH AMERICAN TRADE. how a premising market for American trotters. The Argentine gentlemen who have paid from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per aniyard. They were both large, powerful men, dressed in the customary red shirt. One of them, Maximoff, had murdered his mother, and was sentenced to hard brutally murdered his aged father, and had likewise received a life sentence.

Both men on being admitted to prison declared their wish to become bangmen. Their request was granted, and they are apparently happy in pursuit of their three glasses of vodka daily. They also city attending the American congress, have the privilege of selling tobacco and heard them talk of their countries and

together unfit for human habitation.

My only hope in bettering my condition lay in finding some means of separating from the exiles. This I could only do by prison travel. When crossing knowing him to be the personal friend of the United States to invest in a proposed haps more influence our his imperial master than any other man in the cut dillera. But his suggestions bore n

A story comes from Japan of th

were ordered to the governor generals before the control of the co

"Yes, sor. I did that." of the grounds.

"Indade it is, sor. God Almighty did that, sor."-New Orleans Picayune. If in the dawn of the spring, Between life's blue and its gray Eght, Joy doth some glad hours bring.

"What a beautiful tree!"

Hold them not less for their seeming. Close to them cling for delight, hough these be but daylight dreaming And the rest be but dreams of the night

All things but come in a gleam, or Are bubbles that burst on the stream Of time, for thou art the dreamer, And life itself is the dream. —Bennett Bellman in Philadelphia Times.

labor for life; the other, Paoloff, had The Spanish-American Countries Are De

(Special Correspondence.) WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.-As I mingled

peaking when he shouted, if a voice of thunder: "Oh, no; that is against the law. You will have to remain here unsupportant that I have a very important that I h state secret to communicate, one which large yet."

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State secret to communicate, one which large yet. I must tell to bim and him alone."

In a few minutes the governor (brute terial resources. We do well to cultivate At this juncture the black grouse entered slowly from another room, seemingly as if aware of my danger, and, if cell door and, smiling blandly, said:

"What is this state secret you wish to be said to assist me. Looking at the continuous control of the previous evening) appeared at my the acquaintance of our neighbors to the south, who are just now blossoming and blooming both industrially and politically and p

COUNT NORROWOW. fruit, except in Paris, where a company was organized to build the railway. The

these "Venezuela is a very interesting and prosperous country, as no doubt Dr. speak English. There is one district of Venezuela in which the breeding of

The stranger pointed to a spreading the quality of the wool on many big tree that threw a shadow over the center farms. A man from Michigan, Mr. Sumner, arrived in the Argentine not long ago with a herd of magnificent Hereford in knowing that the Argentinians are in-fatuated with American trotting horses, but he is deportment really is queer. One cattle. Your horsemen may be interested fatuated with American trotting horses, which find a ready market there. Fabugentlemen of Buenos Ayres, but I am sorry to say that when last in that city I was told a number of gentlemen had been shamefully imposed on by Yankee horse traders. The animals sold them had long and brilliant pedigrees, traced back to distinguished thoroughbred and complied with the request. The above lous prices are paid for some animals by back to distinguished thoroughbreds, but when put in races against Argentine half breeds they failed to get a place. As you may easily imagine, Buenos Ayres is not guest said afterward, "grated on one's nerves."—Cor. New York Sun.

WHAT THE DELEGATES TO THE GREAT CONFERENCE THINK.

In a spanish American Countries Are Developing Fast, but Their Trade Goes to Europe—English, French, German and Dutch Investments There.

In a spanish American Countries There is and manufactures in the Argentine Republic is that practically all of the lumber and timber used there has been in the countries of t

brought from the United States. While there are large forests of soft woods in the country, they are so remote from the rivers and the coast that it has been found cheaper to import from North American ports. Buenos Ayres has a splendid harbor, which is constantly crowded with shipping from all parts of the world. I say all parts. Perhaps I had better except the United States. Though a large number of sailing vessels dred Americans in the whole republic. There are thousands of Englishmen,

Take, for instance, the Argentine R South America. So with hams. export hams by the shipload, but you thirteen tons came direct from the Uni States, though nearly all of the impor-

country and exported to England, o whom our people purchased. "You ask me how American trade is Central and South America can be be rapid communication. That is the itep to be taken, and it must be taken be people of the United States. I asier for us to cross the Atlantic to I for or Paris than to come to New Y or New Orleans. The Europeans la soight us out with their steam-slops, and their commercial agents, Englishmen Frenchmen, Germans and Dutchmen approximent in the commerce and finance of many of our countries. It is not yet too late for the American, if he will mly bestir himself."

Walter Wellman.

Faded. The similes used by children are often so flavored by delicious honesty that the become anything but complimentary t those to whom they are applied. A lady, somewhere in the thirties, !

wearying devotion, and made her man a pretty speech, bashful but fervent. ready for a walk, with a fleecy whi shawl thrown over her head. Its st folds proved very becoming to the facbringing out its best characteristics, as softening incipient wrinkles. The litt boy was waiting at the foot of the stal and when his friend appeared he starte

forward to meet her.
"Oh, Miss Helen," he cried, claspi

cisco Chronicle.

In this city (Norwich, Conn.) dwell an old time pedagogue, who is so neat in and his neighbors came to it. The roadNEW YORK FASHIONS.

[Special Correspondence.] NEW YORK, Oct. 10 .- No one can accuse the dressmakers this season of extravagance in the use of material in the newest wraps, for they are made as small and scant as the nature of the case will allow. Variations on the little shoulder and Carrick capes are all the rage for the present, though, of course,



there was, after an, a soft sale to his character. This man, so cruel to others, and at least a tender regard for the particular of the pa character. This man, so cruel to others, had at least a tender regard for the particular tender reg



STYLISH COAT WRAIS.

made with yokes which leave all fullness to fall from four or five inches below the tips, and many ladies wear the disided the dress hang can be easily seen.

which has all the wearing qualities of serge and the beauty of Vicuna cloth, and it will be a great favorite on account of the exquiritely soft yet rich surface. OLIVE HARPER. "Madame Bovary."

The cause of my going so slowly is ju-his, that nothing in that book ("Madan

has my own personality been so use less to me. It may be, perhaps, that hereafter I shall do stronger things, hope so, but I can hardly imagine I shall do anything more shillful. Here every thing is of the head. If it has been false aim, I shall always feel that it he een a good mental exercise. But, after all, what is the non-natural to others i the natural to me-the extraordinary the fantastic, the wild classe, mythologic or metaphysic. "Saint Antoine" did no require of me one quarter of the tensio

composition of its 500 pages were th most thoroughly voluptuous of my lif hitherto. Judge then of my conditio in writing "Madame Bovary." I must needs put myself every minute into a skin not mine and antipathetic to me. For six months now I have been making love platonically, and at the present mo ment my exaltation of mind is that of a good Catholic. I am longing to go to confession.—Correspondence de Gustave Flaubert,

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